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FM AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8866

INFO AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE IMMEDIATE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 879

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC, ZA, RH

SUBJ: AMERICAN CITIZENS REPORTEDLY SHOT BY ZAMBIAN TROOPS

1. AT 0955 LOCAL TODAY EMBASSY' S CONSULAR OFFICER RECEIVED
TELEPHONE CALL FROM INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING SELF AS O' DONNELL,
RHODESIAN SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INFORMING US THAT
ZAMBIAN TROOPS FIRED ON PARTY OF TWO AMERICANS AND TWO CANADIANS
ON RHODESIAN SIDE ZAMBEZI RIVER MAY 15 WHILE PARTY BESIDE
RIVER BETWEEN THIRD AND FOURTH GORGES BELOW VICTORIA FALLS
BRIDGE. AMCITS ARE JOHN AND CAROL CARUTHERS, 535 DORSET ROAD,
TROY, OHIO. MR. CARUTHERS SHOT IN STOMACH, CONDITION UNKNOWN.
MRS. CARUTHERS' CONDITION UNKNOWN. ONE CANADIAN GIRL REPORTEDLY
DEAD, OTHER PRESUMED DEAD. ALL FOUR STILL IN GORGE. RHODESIANS
TRYING TO AFFECT RESCUE AT THIS TIME WITH HELICOPTER BUT
CONCERNED ZAMBIANS TROOPS MAY FIRE ON HELICOPTER. O' DONNELL
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DID NOT HAVE FURTHER INFORMATION DUE TO LACK OF CONTACT WITH VICTORIA FALLS.

2. EMBASSY ALTERED MOFA TO SITUATION. REQUESTED HELICOPTER NOT BE FIRED ON SHOULD IT VIOLATE ZAMBIAN AIR SPACE. MOFA UNDERTOOK CONTACT MOD IMMEDIATELY. MOFA NOT INFORMED RE SOURCE OUR INFORMATION OR ALLEGED ZAMBIAN ARMY INVOLVEMENT.

3. EMBASSY ATTEMPTING CONFIRM DETAILS OF INCIDENT. CANADIAN HICOMER SCHEDULED TO SEE PRESIDENT KAUNDA ON ANOTHER MATTER AT 10:0 LOCAL AND WILL ATTEMPT RAISE MATTER WITH HIM.

4. WILL ADVISE FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS BY IMMEDIATE CABLE.
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